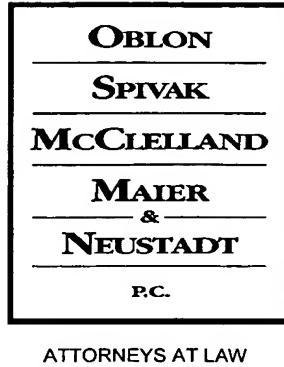




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**Response to Restriction Requirement**

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 1, 2006, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 1-10, and further elect the compound N-[4-[2-(4-  
{[amino(imino)methyl]amino}phenyl)ethyl]-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)benzyl]-1,3-thiazol-2-  
yl]acetamide as a single species from Claims 5, 6 and 7. In addition, Applicants elect  
diabetic retinopathy as the single species of diseases listed in Claim 4.

Applicants respectfully submit that, should the claims of Group II be found allowable,  
the Office should expand its search to the claims of Group I as they pertain to VAP-  
1/inhibitor compounds wherein Z is 1H-benzoimidazol-2-amine.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.